

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A sheet package to be set in a sheet storage unit of a printer for supplying the printer with sheets, comprising:

a stack of sheets; and

a package member covering the stack of sheets,

wherein:

the sheets are supplied from the sheet package to the printer along a sheet feed direction,

the package member has a side part, the side part including a portion that is structured to be attached to the package member at a first position and to be separated from the package member at a second position, the side part being in parallel with the sheet feed direction and having a front edge and a rear edge relative to the sheet feed direction at the second position,

the side part is structured such that the front edge contacts with a projecting part formed in the sheet storage unit in accordance with placement of the package member in the sheet storage unit relative to the sheet feed direction, and includes at least a separately detachable first part and a separately detachable second part,

the sheet package includes a fold-back part that is structured to be foldable along a fold line by removing the one of the first part and the second part of the side part at a perforated line, the fold line being between the front edge and an edge of the stack of sheets; and

the fold-back part is folded outwardly at the fold line and has a width in a direction perpendicular to the sheet feed direction that is smaller at the fold line than at the front edge.

2. (Previously Presented) The sheet package according to claim 1, wherein:

the package member is provided with a perforated line that is structured to partition the side part into at least the first part and the second part relative to the sheet feed direction, each part being aligned in the sheet feed direction, the portion being at least one of the first part and the second part, and

the front edge of the side part is formed by removing one of the first part and the second part at the perforated line.

3. (Previously Presented) The sheet package according to claim 2,

wherein the perforated line includes cut portions and uncut portions, and wherein the side part includes none of the uncut portions.

4. (Original) The sheet package according to claim 1, wherein the projecting part formed in the sheet storage unit is a pressing member which presses a side face of the stack of sheets so as to align the stack of sheets in a direction orthogonal to the sheet feed direction.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The sheet package according to claim 4, wherein:

the package member is provided with a perforated line that is structured to partition the side part into at least the first part and the second part relative to the sheet feed direction, each part being aligned in the sheet feed direction,

the front edge of the side part is formed by removing at least one of the first part and the second part at the perforated line, the package member is provided with a mark which can be read by a sensor provided to the sheet storage unit, and

a difference between a first length of the side part, between the rear edge of the side part and the front edge of the side part in the sheet feed direction after the removal of the one of the first part and the second part, and a second length, between the pressing member and a rear wall of the sheet storage unit in the sheet feed direction, is less than a maximum permissible displacement of the mark for the sensor.

7. (Original) The sheet package according to claim 6, wherein the mark indicates information on the sheet package.

8. (Original) The sheet package according to claim 6, wherein the mark indicates the type of the stack of sheets.

9. (Original) The sheet package according to claim 1, wherein the projecting part is a level difference formed on a side wall of the sheet storage unit corresponding to the side part.

10. (Previously Presented) The sheet package according to claim 9, wherein:
the package member is provided with a perforated line that is structured to partition the side part into at least the first part and the second part relative to the sheet feed direction, each part being aligned in the sheet feed direction,

the front edge of the side part is formed by removing at least one of the first part and the second part at the perforated line, the portion being at least one of the first part and the second part,

the package member is provided with a mark which can be read by a sensor provided to the sheet storage unit, and

a first length of the side part, between the new edge to the rear edge of the package member in the sheet feed direction after the removal of the one of the first part and the second part at the perforated line, is substantially equal to a second length, between the level difference and a rear wall of the sheet storage unit in the sheet feed direction.

11. (Original) The sheet package according to claim 10, wherein the mark indicates information on the sheet package.

12. (Original) The sheet package according to claim 10, wherein the mark indicates the type of the stack of sheets.

13. (Original) The sheet package according to claim 1, wherein the sheet package is a single sheet-like member folded into a box-like shape capable of storing the stack of sheets.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) The sheet package according to claim 1, wherein the sheet package is made of paper.

16. (Currently Amended) A package member covering a stack of sheets, for being set in a sheet storage unit of a printer together with the sheets and supplying the sheets to the printer along a sheet feed direction, the package member comprising:

a side part, the side part including a portion that is structured to be attached to the package member at a first position and to be separated from the package member at a second position, the side part being in parallel with the sheet feed direction and having a front edge and a rear edge relative to the sheet feed direction at the second position, and having a front edge and a rear edge relative to the sheet feed direction at the second position,

wherein:

the side part is structured such that the front edge contacts with a projecting part formed in the sheet storage unit in accordance with the placement of the package member in the sheet storage unit relative to the sheet feed direction, and includes at least a separately detachable first part and a separately detachable second part,

the sheet package includes a fold-back part that is structured to be foldable along a fold line by removing the one of the first part and the second part of the side

part at a perforated line, the fold line being between the front edge and an edge of the stack of sheets, and

the fold-back part is folded outwardly at the fold line and has a width in a direction perpendicular to the sheet feed direction that is smaller at the fold line than at the front edge.

17. (Currently Amended) A printer system comprising:

a printer; and

a sheet package supplying the printer with sheets along a sheet feed direction,

wherein:

the printer includes a sheet storage unit for storing the sheet package, the sheet storage unit having a projecting part,

the sheet package includes a stack of sheets and a package member covering the stack of sheets, the stack of sheets having a side edge,

the package member has a side part, the side part being in parallel with the sheet feed direction and having a front edge in the sheet feed direction,

the side part is structured such that the front edge contacts the projecting part and the side edge of the stack of sheets is in flush contact with the projecting part in accordance with the placement of the package member in the sheet storage unit relative to the sheet feed direction, and includes at least a separately detachable first part and a separately detachable second part,

the sheet package includes a fold-back part that is structured to be foldable along a fold line by removing the one of the first part and the second part of the side part at a perforated line, the fold line being between the front edge and an edge of the stack of sheets, and

the fold-back part is folded outwardly at the fold line, line, and has a width in a direction perpendicular to the sheet feed direction that is smaller at the fold line than at the front edge.

18. (Previously Presented) The sheet package according to claim 1, wherein at least the first part and the second part are structured to be detachable, the first part and the second part being on opposing sides of the package member and each part being in parallel with the sheet feed direction.

19. (Previously Presented) The sheet package according to claim 1, wherein the front edge of the side part includes at least one perforated portion and at least one cut portion, the at least one perforated portion including cut parts and uncut parts arranged alternately, the at least one cut portion including a cut part, the cut part being an area where the front edge of the side part is detached from the portion that is attached to the package member at the first position.

20. (Previously Presented) A sheet package to be set in a sheet storage unit of a printer for supplying the printer with sheets, comprising:

a stack of sheets; and
a package member covering the stack of sheets,

wherein:

the sheets are supplied from the sheet package to the printer along a sheet feed direction,

the package member has a side part, the side part including a portion that is attached to the package member at a first position and is separated from the package member at a second position, the side part being in parallel with the sheet feed direction and having a front edge and a rear edge relative to the sheet feed direction at the second position,

the side part is structured such that the front edge contacts with a projecting part formed in the sheet storage unit in accordance with placement of the package member in the sheet storage unit relative to the sheet feed direction, and includes at least a first part and a second part,

the sheet package includes a fold-back part to be folded back in order to expose part of the stack of sheets,

the fold-back part is structured to be foldable by removing the one of the first part and the second part of the side part at a perforated line,

the projecting part formed in the sheet storage unit is a pressing member which presses a side face of the stack of sheets so as to align the stack of sheets in a direction orthogonal to the sheet feed direction, and

the pressing member is placed in a concave part formed on a side wall of the sheet storage unit corresponding to the side part, being pushed by a pushing member in the concave part so as to project from the concave part and press the side face of the stack of sheets.